

NEGRO SPIRITUALS

Arranged for Solo Voice by

H. T. BURLEIGH

Ain't Goin' to Study War No Mo'. *Two keys.*

Balm in Gilead. *Two keys.*

By An' By. *Two keys.*

Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray. *Two keys.*

De Gospel Train. *Two keys.*

Deep River. *Three keys.*

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel. *One key.*

Don't You Weep When I'm Gone. *One key.*

Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit. *Two keys.*

Go Down Moses. *Two keys.*

Hard Trials. *One key.*

Heav'n Heav'n. *Two keys.*

He's Just De Same Today. *Two keys.*

I Don't Feel No-Ways Tired. *One key.*

I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands On Me. *Two keys.*

I Got A Home In A-Dat Rock. *Two keys.*

I Want To Be Ready. *One key.*

I Stood On De Ribber Ob Jerdon. *Two keys.*

John's Gone Down On De Island. *Two keys.*

Let Us Cheer The Weary Traveler. *Two keys.*

Little David Play On Your Harp. *Two keys.*

My Lord What A Morning. *Two keys.*

My Way's Cloudy. *One key.*

Nobody Knows De Trouble I've Seen. *Two keys.*

Oh Didn't It Rain. *Two keys.*

Oh Wasn't Dat a Wide Ribber. *One key.*

Oh Peter Go Ring Dem Bells. *Two keys.*

O Rocks Don't Fall On Me. *Two keys.*

Sinner Please Doan Let Dis Harves' Pass. *One key.*

Sometimes I Feel Like A Motherless Child. *Three keys.*

Steal Away. *Two keys.*

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot. *Two keys.*

'Tis Me O Lord. *One key.*

Weepin' Mary. *Two keys.*

Were You There. *Three keys.*

Wade In De Water. *Two keys.*

You May Bury Me In De Eas'. *Two keys.*

Low

Medium

High

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THE plantation songs known as "spirituals" are the spontaneous outbursts of intense religious fervor, and had their origin chiefly in camp meetings, revivals and other religious exercises.

They were never "composed," but sprang into life, ready made, from the white heat of religious fervor during some protracted meeting in camp or church, as the simple, ecstatic utterance of wholly untutored minds, and are practically the only music in America which meets the scientific definition of Folk Song.

Success in singing these Folk Songs is primarily dependent upon deep spiritual feeling. The voice is not nearly so important as the spirit; and then rhythm, for the Negro's soul is linked with rhythm, and it is an essential characteristic of most all the Folk Songs.

It is a serious misconception of their meaning and value to treat them as "minstrel" songs, or to try to make them funny by a too literal attempt to imitate the manner of the Negro in singing them, by swaying the body, clapping the hands, or striving to make the peculiar inflections of voice that are natural with the colored people. Their worth is weakened unless they are done impressively, for through all these songs there breathes a hope, a faith in the ultimate justice and brotherhood of man. The cadences of sorrow invariably turn to joy, and the message is ever manifest that eventually deliverance from all that hinders and oppresses the soul will come, and man—every man—will be free.

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Oh, Didn't it Rain

Gen. VII. 4

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Moderato

f

mf *rit.*

Fo - ty

days fo - ty nights when de rain kept a - fall - in', De'

a tempo

wick - ed clumb de tree, an' for help kept a - call - in', For they

heard de wa - ters wail - in' Didn't it rain

res en - do

rain, didn't it rain Tell me No - ah, —

rit. *molto rit.*

didn't it rain

a tempo

poco meno mosso

Some clim'd de moun - tain, Some clim'd de hill,

p

Some start - ed sail - in' an' a - row - in' wid a will;

Some tried swim - min' an' I guess they're swim - min' still, For they

heard de wa - ters roar - in' Didn't it rain,

p *cres* - en - do *f*

rain _____ didn't it rain _____

8. *loco* *ff* *rit.*

8.

Tell me No ah, _____

molto rit.

4/4

didn't it rain _____ Didn't it rain

a tempo *p*

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